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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Montana Library Association has progressed during 1971/72 in program and in operating efficiencies. The Association collaborated with the State Library in planning Montana's first Governor's Conference on Libraries, "Expanding horizons of library service," held in Helena on Oct. 18, 1971.

This will be the second year that the Association has taken responsibility for National Library Week with financial assistance from the State Library. Posters and book marks keyed to Montana enjoyed a good sale. The primary publicity effort was through cable TV stations.

There has been a decline in membership, but some increase in dues income; these conditions are probably the result of the higher dues schedule enacted a year ago.

Work has gone forward on a new set of bylaws to replace the present constitution and bylaws. The proposed new bylaws are written to conform to our new coporate status and to increase our organizational efficiency.

The Association was represented at the "Romney hearing" of the Education and Public Lands Committee at the Constitutional Convention in Helena on Feb. 11, 1972. The public library is enumerated in the proposed article on education as an institution which may be allocated support by the Legislature.

The President served a one-year term representing the Association on the State Library Advisory Council. Mrs. Francis Wells will succeed to this Council membership.

The financial condition of the Association is healthy. A four hundred dollar sinking fund has been established to help defray 1973 legislative expenses. Our Treasurer is receiving a small stipend for the first time. Your Board and officers have endeavored to manage Association finances with care. No 1972 conference expenses are being allowed for officers or Board members.

Much unfinished business remains for the Association. Long range planning and goals formulation are greatly needed. Several areas of library concern should be recognized and dealt with by groups in the Association. Some of these are cooperative programs among libraries, professional and employee relations, continuing education, and data processing and automation.

I am indebted to the officers and Board members who have worked in a dedicated way to serve the Association and to help further our professional programs.

Douglas E. Mills, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

Balance, April 15, 1971		
Checking account	$ 482.58	
Certificate of deposit	1,143.65	
		$ 1,626.23
Receipts		
Memberships	$2,554.00	
Conference Income, 1971	3,404.46	
Conference Exhibits, 1971-72	780.00	
Interest Income, Cert. of Deposit	14.10	
Royalty	3.16	6,755.72
		$ 8,381.95
Expenditures		
A.L.A. Dues	$ 33.00	
A.L.A. Representative	585.31	
Clerical Assistance	253.00	
Conference Expense, 1971	3,841.19	
Conference Expense, 1972	6.00	
Executive Board Expense	528.11	
Governor's Conference	132.75	
Legislative Committee, 1971	64.00	
P.N.L.A. Dues	3.00	
Postage	308.63	
Supplies	416.72	
National Library Week, 1972	60.56	
Transfer, 1971-72 Membership	255.40	
Transfer, Royalty	3.16	6,490.83
Balance, April 1, 1972		
Checking Account	$1,491.12	
Legislative Committee Reserve	400.00	
		$ 1,891.12

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Balance, April 15, 1971	$1,759.52	
Interest through Dec. 31, 1971	76.76	
Royalty, Montana Library Qrtly. Film	3.16	
Transfer, 1971-72 Membership	255.40	
		$ 2,094.84

TOTAL ASSETS $ 3,985.96

Mrs. Helen Anderson
Treasurer

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Balance, April 15, 1971	$ 1,541.17	
		$ 1,541.17
Expenditures		
Governor's Conference	$ 1,372.99	
Library Development Committee	66.70	
		1,439.69
Balance, April 1, 1972		$ 101.48

Mrs. Helen Anderson
Treasurer

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES

Montana's first Governor's Conference on Libraries was held in Helena on October 18, 1971. In his call to the conference, Governor Forrest H. Anderson noted that

> "...One of the central tasks of our time is to preserve the heritage of Montana, adding to it the best developments of the present and future; to effect change without chaos. Libraries have an important and necessary job to do in helping our citizens anticipate, understand, and absorb change. Libraries, too, will need to grow and reflect these changes. We invite you during this conference to think with us about the place of libraries in the life of Montanans."

One hundred twenty-five persons participated in the conference, representing all areas of the state, commercial, industrial, labor, educational interests, state-wide organizations, and library users. Some four-fifths of the attendees were laymen, rather than librarians or library board members.

There of the conference was "Expanding Horizons of Library Service".

Speakers at the conference included Governor Forrest H. Anderson; James Dolliver, Administrative Assistant to Governor Daniel J. Evans of Washington; David R. Hoffman, Montana State Librarian; and Mrs. Lura Currier, Director of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center.

Sponsoring organizations were the Montana Library Association, the Montana State Library, and the Montana Instructional Materials Association. The program planning committee consisted of:

Mrs. Clarice Beck, Helena, representing the American Association of University Women
R. Thomas Dundas, Director, State Information System, Department of Planning and Economic Development
Phyllis Maggeroli, Coordinator of General Library Services, Montana State Library (Conference Coordinator)
Douglas Mills, President, Montana Library Association
Alve Thomas, Administrative Assistant, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
Roger Traweek, Director, Public Relations, Montana Education Association
Mrs. Margaret Warden, Chairman, Legislative Committee, Montana Library Association
David R. Hoffman, State Librarian, Montana State Library (Conference Chairman)

Proceedings are in process and will be distributed.

David R. Hoffman,
State Librarian

ALA CHAPTER COUNCILOR REPORT

The Dallas Conference and the Midwinter Meeting of ALA were perhaps the most business-like and productive of any during my tenure as Councilor. Action was not prolonged by unnecessary debates or demonstrations. The agitators were either absent or problems less controversial.

Although there was a distinct division over reorganization into a federation type of association or a congress type (one-man-one-vote) of all classifications of librarians, a compromise of one-man-one-vote and the inclusion of Chapter Councilors was passed. The reorganization of Council eliminated past presidents, division heads and committee chairmen. The new Council is to be 100 members elected at-large plus one representative from each chapter elected by the chapter's ALA members. To insure retaining Chapter Councilors, this compromise was necessary. In order to stagger the tenure of councilors, tenure was drawn by lot with Montana drawing the one-year term. Next year, we vote for a four-year term. As a result of reorganization, the Chapter Relations Committee has become an active and influential committee in Council.

At the Midwinter Meeting, it was recommended that all State Chapters establish a strong educational program in areas of fair employment practices, due process, ethics and intellectual freedom. This included the recommendation that State Chapters use the same steps and procedures in ALA's program in these areas, particularly regarding censorship. The committee also recommeded that Chapter news be sent regularly to "American Libraries".

The loss of members because of a dues increase has not provieded additional funds to meet the demands of new programs in ALA. A recruitment office for the disadvantaged was voted first priority.

The Adult Services Division and the Reference Division have been combined. Among the resolutions passed was one that the President be urged to call a " White House Conference on Libraries" in 1974.

With the many social and political problems facing the nation, I look forward to ALA's position being more concerned with their solutions in terms of our duties as librarians and not with the personal views of its individual members.

This is my last year as your Councilor. I have endeavored to express the views of MLA. I hope that the reorganization of Council is more responsive to MLA; that more of you become members of ALA and can attend the Conferences. Not only will MLA benefit by having more ALA members but your personal growth in our profession will be an added dividend. It was to me and I express my appreciation for the privilege of serving as your Councilor.

Clare M. Smith, Chapter Councilor

ACADEMIC AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES DIVISION

There have been no meetings of the Division since the May, 1971 meeting. However, many of our members have been active during the year serving on committees for M.L.A. Douglas E. Mills of our Division has been President and Minnie Paugh, Secretary.

As chairman of the Division I have attended the two Executive Board meetings of M.L.A. and a Conference Planning Ad Hoc Committee meeting. I was invited and attended the Governor's Conference on Libraries and a meeting about the Montana's health sciences library service network.

Three newsletters were mailed to division members during the year. Hoping to stimulate interest in M.L.A. these letters were also mailed to all the Academic and Special Libraries for distribution to the Librarians.

Kay Griffith, Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARIES DIVISION

I became chairman of MLA Public Libraries Division after the resignation of the elected chairman, David Johnson. A secretary pro-tem will be appointed for the annual meeting in May because of the resignation of the elected secretary-treasurer, Virginia Ekstrom. I attended two MLA board meetings. The nominating committee has a slate of officers to be voted on at the May meeting. Projects begun in 1971 are incomplete and will be continued.

Ruth Frohlicher, Chairman

SCHOOL LIBRARIES DIVISICN--MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

Membership in the Montana Association of School Librarians has increased to 110.

The chairman participated in Montana's First Governor's Conference on Libraries and in the MLA Board meetings called by President Mills.

Continuing attempts have been made to strengthen lines of communication among Montana librarians by making the most of all the opportunities they have to get together. Chairman-elect Ethlyn Paris was delegated to attend the MEA conference planning sessions, with the hope that each district would schedule at least one session designated specifically for librarians or media specialists. Liason representatives appointed to the MEA District conferences were:

Susan M. Koch - Western
Virginia Schulte - Eastern
Ethel Deibel -North Central
Lucille Brown - Northeastern

Members are looking forward to the presence of Eleanor Ahlers as speaker at our spring conference. Miss Ahlers, professor of Librarianship at the University of Washington, is former Executive-Secretary and a past president of the American Association of School Librarians.

The conference will also feature an exhibit of school library publicity materials assembled by Sister M. Carmelita Davis of the Great Falls Central High School Media Center.

Other committee chairmen are:

School Administrator's Award - Mildred Vslach
Nominating - Phyllis Williamson, assisted by Peggy Gadbow and Mary Harstad
Constitution Revision - Larry Anderson
Professional Standards - Marion S. Gebhart
Professional Training - Shirlee B. Smith

Officers are:

Chairman - Edna Berg
Vice-chairman - Ethlyn Paris
Secretary - Mary Ann Owen

Edna Berg, Chairman

TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS DIVISION

A letter went to all Trustees last fall urging them to join MLA. Another letter went out in April urging Trustees to attend the Conference. My slate of officers has been completed.

Helen Hoffmann, Chairman

AWARDS AND HONORS COMMITTEE - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Response to invitations to nominate outstanding school administrators was unusually good this year. Announcements concerning the award had been placed in the news edition of Montana Education and in the newsletters of the Montana State Library and of the Department of Public Instruction. We had 34 requests for forms and 16 nominations were submitted. Selection from many excellent programs was difficult. The committee selected a winner and also a recipient for honorable mention. These awards will be announced at the May conference in Helena.

Assisting in evaluating the nominees for the award were Mary Harstad and Virginia Schulte.

Mildred Valach, Chairman

INFORMATION COMMITTEE

The Information Committee assisted the President in issuing the Montana Library Association NEWSLETTER in September, January, and April. The chairman wishes to thank all who assisted by sending in news, typing, and mailing the NEWSLETTER.

Bill Willmering, Chairman

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Library Development Committee of the Montana Library Association met in Helena, Montana on February 11, 1972.

The Library Development Committee had expressed the need to have a brochure that texplained the objectives of various kinds of libraries in the State. David Hoffman, State Librarian, prepared a brochure of this kind which was used in connection with the Montana Governor's Conference. It was decided that some minor changes in the brochure should be made. Inez Herrig was asked to revise the Public Libraries statement; David Hoffman and Harriet Meloy were asked to revise the statement on State Government Libraries; and Ray Hokanson was asked to revise the School Libraries statement. David Hoffman was responsible for having the revised brochure printed. The brochure "Montana's Libraries - Resources to Meet Today's Needs", in its revised form is now available for distribution. There are sufficient copies available for Montana Library Association members who wish to use them in their committees.

The Committee discussed the tentative draft of the Education and Public Lands article which the Education Committee of the Constitutional Convention had drafted and decided to ask the Education Committee to revise Section 1, Paragraph 2 of that article to read:

"The state shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of free public education through public, elementary and secondary schools, public libraries and such other educational institutions or programs as may be provided by law."

The Committee suggested that a fourth paragraph be added to Section 1 as follows:

"The legislation shall provide for the equitable support of public libraries and such other educational institutions and programs as may be provided by law."

Dr. Earle Thompson was asked to appear before the Education Committee hearing to present these changes. The Committee did not however, incorporate the changes in the article.

Section 1 of the Education and Public Lands article as it appears in the final draft of the Constitution reads as follows:

"EDUCATIONAL GOALS AND DUTIES. (1) It is the goal of the people to establish a system of education which will develop the full educational potential of each person. Equality of educational opportunity is guaranteed to each person of the state.

(2) The state recognizes the distinct and unique cultural heritage of the American Indians and is committed in its educational goals to the preservation of their cultural integrity.

(3) The legislature shall provide a basic system of free quality public elementary and secondary schools. The legislature may provide such other educational institutions, public libraries, and educational programs as it deems desirable. It shall fund and distribute in an equitable manner to the school districts the state's share of the cost of the basic elementary and secondary school system."

The Library Development Committee was asked by David Hoffman to comment on two policy statements issued by the Montana State Library: (1) State financial assistance to public libraries, and (2) Use of Federal funds to support public library federations and federation demonstrations. He also presented the Montana State Library's "LSCA state plan for fiscal 1972", the State Library's "Criteria for LSCA Title II grants" and "Potential activities under the Library Services and Construction Act, as amended in 1970".

The Library Development Committee is aware of many concerns facing Montana libraries. Among them are:

1. The need to study proposals for state aid to public libraries.
2. The need to achieve the implementation of "Montana Public Library Standards".

3. The feasibility of seeking legislation which would make public library service mandatory at the City and County level (allowing for either the establishment of new libraries or contracting with existing libraries for service).
4. The need to work for adequate financing of all Montana libraries.

Alma S. Jacobs, Chairman

LOCAL HISTORY COMMITTEE

At the 1971 MLA conference at Missoula, the Local History Committee met and discussed the compiling of a directory of all Montana towns past and present. As we were exploring the magnitude of the task, we learned of Roberta Cheney's NAMES ON THE FACE OF MONTANA, published by the U of Montana Press recently. This book made our project superfluous.

I am presently working on a new bibliography of Montana books in print. I shall appreciate all suggestions.

Microfilm Publishers of Chicago have offered to make a microfilm collection of state historical data, if there is enough sale for this material to Montana libraries. The Local History Committee can consider their proposal at the Helena conference. Place and time for the meeting will be announced.

Marie P. MacDonald, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, April 1, 1972

ACTIVE MEMBERS		
School Librarians	112	
Public Librarians	103	
Academic & Specials	51	
Total Active Members		266
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS		
Friends	83	
Public Library Trustees	144	
School Administrators	16	
Total Associate Members		243
INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS		8
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP		517

The above membership includes 22 Life Members.

Mrs. Helen Anderson, Chairman